REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are numbered 1-31. Applicants have submitted the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document, Applicants' response of January 5, 2005. Specifically, the corrected listing of the claims indicates that Claim 11 is in a "Currently Amended" state.

The rejections and comments of the Examiner set forth in the Office Action dated October 5, 2004 have been carefully considered by the Applicants in the Applicants' response of January 5, 2005. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider and allow the remaining claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the facts and arguments presented,

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected Claims.

Based on the arguments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-31 overcome the rejections of record. Therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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